



Dear all,

Here is the July 2018 easy read update.

Please share it and tell us what's useful.

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Thanks and best wishes,

NHS England's learning disability programme

## Diary dates

### Webinar on learning from the Named Social Worker

31 July 12.30 – 2pm

This programme looked at how having a named social worker can help people with learning disabilities, autism or mental health needs to have better lives.

This is because:

- the person and their family can be in control of decisions about their own future.
- they get support to live with dignity and independence.
- the social worker organises support in a person-centred way and looks after the person's interests.

This webinar will be about:

- the difference a named social worker can make
- asset-based and person-centred ways of working
- what this means for your local area.

The Department of Health and Social Care set up this programme.

The Innovation Unit and Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) delivered it.

This webinar is open to everyone.

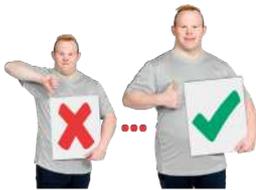


Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-learning-from-the-named-social-worker-tickets-47813302876>

## Learning Disability and Autism Leaders List

This is the first national listing of people with a learning disability, autism or both who are helping make things better for themselves and others.



You can nominate yourself, or someone you know, until **27 August**. Find out more [here](#).

Judges who are experts by experience will choose the winners.

Up to 60 stories will make up the Leaders' List.

There are 4 categories:



1. changing communities
2. advocacy, policy and the media
3. sports, arts and entertainment
4. work and education

2 special winners will also be chosen:

The Young Leader (under 30 years old)

and

Lifetime Achievement Awards.





Everybody who shares their story, or who is nominated by someone else will get a certificate.

## Skills for Care's individual employer funding

Individual employers are people who employ their own care and support using a direct payment or their own money.



They can now apply for money to pay for training to develop their own skills as an employer.

The money can also be used for training their personal assistants (PAs).



It can pay for training, travel costs or hiring a replacement PA.



Funding closes on **28 February 2019**.



Training must start before **31 March 2019**.



Find out more at:

<https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Learning-development/Funding/Individual-employer-funding/Individual-employer-funding.aspx>



If you work with individual employers, please share this [Money for Training](#) leaflet with them.

Email Skills for Care for printed copies:

[marketing@skillsforcare.org.uk](mailto:marketing@skillsforcare.org.uk)

# Using hospital less

## CQC guidance

CQC provide clear guidance on what learning disability or autism provision they will register.

This was updated to match the [Transforming Care programme](#) and [Building the Right Support](#).

The guidance covers:

1. opening a new specialist assessment and treatment unit or hospital
2. opening a new care home or location
3. new applications for registration

Some developments have **not** been registered by the CQC. This was because they were not in line with their registration guidance.

For example, in 2017, a Tribunal supported the CQC's decision to stop a hospital ward from changing its registration to a residential service.

This was not in line with [Building the Right Support](#).

Find out more at:

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/releases/tribunal-supports-cqc's-decision-prevent-hospital-ward-changing-its-registration>

Here is the CQC guidance:

[https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20170403\\_How\\_CQC\\_decides\\_about\\_LD\\_autism\\_services\\_EASY\\_READ.pdf](https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20170403_How_CQC_decides_about_LD_autism_services_EASY_READ.pdf)



## Named Social Worker research



This research looked at how having a single point of contact can make things better for people with learning disabilities, autism or mental health conditions.

It can mean avoiding long stays in hospital.

The Department of Health and Social Care set up the programme.

It was delivered by Innovation Unit with the Social Care Institute for Excellence.



Its findings are here:

<https://www.innovationunit.org/publications/%20department-of-health-named-social-worker%20/>

## Building support in communities



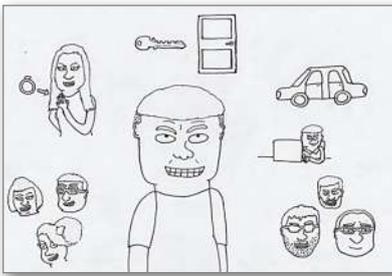
### Happy Birthday Opportunity Café!

The Opportunity Café at Waterfront, Newcastle celebrated its first birthday.



BBC North East and Cumbria filmed this and spoke to staff at the café: [ow.ly/6CP730kSL6W](http://ow.ly/6CP730kSL6W)

Congratulations to everyone involved!



## Better quality of care, quality of health and quality of life

David Gill is NHS England learning disability advisor.

He has made a film about living with autism for the Patient Voices website.

Please share the film.



The link is:

<http://www.patientvoices.org.uk/flv/1169pv384.htm>

## Workforce planning and education support

Health Education England have set up a work programme across the South of England.

It will run for two years and will work with the regional transforming care programmes.

The programmes helps the workforce to support people with a learning disability and/or autism to live a good life.



Find out more at: [www.idhekss.wordpress.com](http://www.idhekss.wordpress.com)

Or email [southid@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:southid@hee.nhs.uk)

Or tweet [@HEE\\_SouthID](https://twitter.com/HEE_SouthID)

You can sign up on the main blog page:

[www.idhekss.wordpress.com](http://www.idhekss.wordpress.com)





## Autism Core Competency Education and training Framework

Health Education England wants to choose an organisation to work with on this.

They must be skilled, experienced and qualified.

They will develop an autism framework for training staff.

It will be for people of all ages.

It will develop alongside the people it supports.

This will mean the framework must be co-produced with people with autism and their families.

Find out more [here](#).



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